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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH: Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT: Gift [REDACTED]

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1. The Chief of the Security Control Staff/EO has forwarded to us the memorandum from the Chief of NSA Division to the Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff dated 17 June 1954, requesting that Mr. [REDACTED] be allowed to retain a watch given to him by [REDACTED]. The Chief of the Security Control Staff gives his opinion that the final decision as to the propriety of [REDACTED] retaining the watch should be made by your office with our advice.

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2. On the basis of the information supplied in the NSA Division memorandum, it would appear to us that the gift was a personal one from [REDACTED] rather than a gift to a United States Government employee from a foreign government. As such, there is in our opinion no legal requirement that the gift be reported to the State Department as required in cases of gifts from foreign governments, and we would interpose no legal objection to the retention of the gift by Mr. [REDACTED]. The memoranda are accordingly forwarded to your office for whatever action you may wish to take.

[REDACTED]
Office of General Counsel

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